

## Message Text

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TAGS: CPAS, PFOR, PGOV, GE, WB, EB  
SUBJECT: PASSPORTS CONTAINING GDR MARKINGS

REF: STATE A-3278 OF JULY 1, 1976

1. REFERENCED AIRGRAM, WHICH TRANSMITTED LIST OF CURRENT CITIZENSHIP  
AND  
PASSPORT AIRGRAMS, CITES AS "CURRENT" CA-9554 OF JULY 20, 1968 ENTITLED  
"PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING NO-FEE PASSPORTS WHICH CONTAIN VISA STAMPS OF  
THE SOVIET ZONE OF GERMANY". THAT AIRGRAM DIRECTS POSTS TO CANCEL AND  
FORWARD TO THE DEPARTMENT ANY TYPE OF NO-FEE PASSPORT WHICH SHOWS GDR  
MARKINGS.

2. IN COURSE OF REVISION OF U.S. TRAVEL GUIDELINES FOLLOWING ESTABLISHMENT  
OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GDR, MISSION CITED (USBER 2279 OF DECEMBER  
13, 1974) NUMBER OF EXISTING INSTRUCTIONS THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE CHANGED TO  
CONFORM TO NEW TRAVEL POLICY. AMONG THOSE MENTIONED WAS CA-9554. MISSION  
RECOMMENDED THAT CA-9554 BE RESCINDED BUT NOTED THAT DEPARTMENT MAY W  
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TO REQUIRE POSTS TO SEEK INSTRUCTION ON DISPOSITION OF NO-FEE PASSPORTS  
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IN INSTANCES WHERE THEY ARE IMPROPERLY STAMPED AT SECTOR-TO-SECTOR  
CROSSING POINTS WITHIN BERLIN.

3. IT APPEARS, GIVEN CONTINUED CITATION OF CA-9554 AS "CURRENT", THAT  
ABOVE RECOMMENDATION WAS OVERLOOKED WHEN REVISED TRAVEL GUIDELINES WERE  
PUBLISHED. STATE 112231 OF MAY 14, 1975 STATES THAT DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL  
PASSPORTS MAY BE USED FOR TRAVEL TO GDR AND THAT GDR VISAS MAY BE ACCEPTED  
IN SUCH PASSPORTS. THOUGH THIS OBVIOUSLY INVALIDATES THE INSTRUCTIONS IN  
CA9554, TO PRECLUDE ANY POSSIBLE CONFUSION WE RECOMMEND AGAIN THAT THAT  
AIRGRAM BE FORMALLY RESCINDED.

4. IN ITS PLACE, WE RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT INSTRUCT POSTS TO CANCEL  
ANY TYPE OF NO-FEE PASSPORTS THAT HAVE BEEN STAMPED BY GDR AUTHORITIES AT  
SECTOR-TO-SECTOR CROSSING POINTS WITHIN BERLIN, E.G., "FRIEDRICHSTRA-  
SE".  
(NOTE: IF TRAVEL GUIDELINES ARE FOLLOWED INSTANCES OF SUCH STAMPING SHOULD  
NOT OCCUR; NEVERTHELESS, THIS STILL HAPPENS OCCASIONALLY THROUGH  
INADVERTENCE ON PART OF TRAVELLER). SIMILARLY, WE RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT  
INSTRUCT POSTS TO CANCEL ANY TYPE OF NO-FEE PASSPORTS INTO WHICH GDR  
VISAS HAVE BEEN PLACED THAT DESCRIBE BERLIN AS GDR CAPITAL (FOR EXAMPLE,  
"BERLIN, HAUPTSTADT DER DDR"). CANCELLATION IN THIS INSTANCE WOULD NOT,  
HOWEVER,  
BE NECESSARY IF VISA ISSUING AUTHORITY CAN BE PREVAILED UPON TO DELETE  
THE  
OBJECTIONABLE LANGUAGE ITSELF. WITH EXCEPTION OF THESE PROSCRIPTIONS,  
OTHER  
GDR MARKINGS IN NO-FEE PASSPORTS ARE PERMISSIBLE.

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5. REQUEST EMBASSY BONN CONCUR WITH RECOMMENDATIONS IN PARA 4.  
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